




CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER
DISTRICT ONE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2011 DTID: SL-1103-001

TO: Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer

FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner 

SUBJECT: Request to Restore Brownd-out Fire Stations & Lifeguards in FY2012 Budget

At today's Budget Committee meeting, you informed us that there are currently no plans to include restoration of brownd-out fire stations or lifeguard services as a part of the FY2012 Budget.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and include the restoration of fire station brownouts and lifeguard services as a part of the proposed FY2012 budget.

Barring the restoration of all brownd-out stations and lifeguards, I request you restore lifeguard service and end brown-outs at the City's four most impacted stations: Station 40 in Rancho Peñasquitos, Station 35 in University City, Station 44 in Mira Mesa, and Station 21 in Pacific Beach, per Fire Chief Mainar's analysis from last year.

- Station 40 in Rancho Peñasquitos covers an especially large geographic area.
- Station 35 in University City has a high number of incident responses.
- Station 44 in Mira Mesa and Station 21 in Pacific Beach are isolated from other fire stations and are in particularly dense communities.

Please consider the following statistics for the period 02/06/10 thru 02/28/11, released today as a part of Fire Chief Mainar's presentation to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee:

Station 40 - Rancho Peñasquitos – Large Geographic Area

- Average Response Time (First Arriving Engine or Truck): **ranks 13th of 13 brownd-out stations** at 6:43, up 8.66% from same period last year.
- 5 Minutes or Less Response Time Percentage (First Arriving Engine or Truck): **ranks 13th of 13 brownd-out stations** at 23.67%, down 17.88% from same period last year.
- Effective Fire Force: **ranks 13th of 13 brownd-out stations** at 44.44% response within 9 minutes and average response time of 9.22 minutes.

Station 35 - University City – High Number of Incidents

- Average Response Time (First Arriving Engine or Truck): ***ranks 12th of 13 browned out stations*** at 6:35, up 6.78% from same period last year.
- 5 Minutes or Less Response Time Percentage (First Arriving Engine or Truck): ***ranks 12th of 13 browned-out stations*** at 27.92%, down 19.78% from same period last year.
- Effective Fire Force: ***ranks 11th of 13 browned-out stations*** at 68.29% response within 9 minutes and average response time of 8.94 minutes.
- Number of incidents: ***Ranks 3rd of 13 browned-out stations*** in number of annual incidents (4,452).

Station 44 - Mira Mesa – Isolated from Other Fire Stations & Dense Community

- Average Response Time (First Arriving Engine or Truck): ***ranks 11th of 13 browned out stations*** at 6:10, up 5.38% from same period last year.
- 5 Minutes or Less Response Time Percentage (First Arriving Engine or Truck): ***ranks 11th of 13 browned-out stations*** at 31.79%, down 20.69% from same period last year.
- Effective Fire Force: ***ranks 12th of 13 browned-out stations*** at 58.85% response within 9 minutes and average response time of 9.13 minutes.

Station 21 – Pacific Beach - Isolated from Other Fire Stations & Dense Community

- Average Response Time (First Arriving Engine or Truck) has increased 11.90% from same period last year, before brown-outs, which is the ***largest increase out of all the browned-out stations.***
- 5 Minutes or Less Response Time Percentage (First Arriving Engine or Truck) is down 19.10% from the same period last year, before brown-outs, which is the ***3rd largest decrease out of all the browned-out stations.***

Thank you for your consideration, and for your concern for the life and safety of our residents.

cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Honorable Councilmembers
Javier Mainar, Chief, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department